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SUBJECT: GOS CONCERN AT LEAK USUN TELEGRAM

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1. WESTERN HEMISPHERE DESK HEAD AMBROSE WOL TOLD
AMBASSADOR FEB 7 THAT GOS WAS CONCERNED NOT ONLY BE
PUBLICATION IN US OF INFO FROM CONFIDENTIAL TELEGRAM FROM
THIS MISSION, BUT ALSO FACT THAT ITS USE HAD NOT ACCURATELY
REFLECTED AFRICAN SENTIMENTS. CONTEXT IN WHICH MESSAGE HAD BEEN
USED SEEMED TO JUSTIFY POSITION THAT TACTICS OF LINKING AID
WITH RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS' UN STANDS WAS PAYING OFF. WOL
CLAIMED PRECISELY OPPOSITE WAS THE CASE, ADDING THAT HE HAD CHECKED
WITH SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT AND FOUND NO "RESOLUTION" ON
THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN ADOPTED. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED
PERSONAL REGRET THAT BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY HAD OCCURRED
BUT NOTED THAT FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN 12 HAD IN FACT
CONDEMNED ALL SUCH FORMS OF PRESSURE (KHARTOUM 101).

2. WOL REITERATED THAT USG LINK OF AID WITH RECIPIENTS'
OTHER POLICIES WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND REFERRED TO
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S RECENT RESIGNATION. AMBASSADOR
CAUTIONED WOL AGAINST READING TOO MUCH INTO LATTER IN TERMS
USG POLICY. FACT WAS AMERICAN PUBLIC, AND HENCE USG, WAS
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CONCERNED AT LACK OF SERIOUSNESS WHICH HAD COME TO

CHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ATTITUDES IN UN DEBATES. ONE MIGHT HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS AS TO PREFERRED TACTICS, BUT WE WOULD CONTNUE EXPECT THAT FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONSIDER THEIR POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON THE MERITS WITHOUT SEEKING SCORE POINTS OFF ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.

3. WOL AGREED THAT UN DECISIONS SHOULD BE REACHED SERIOUSLY IN LIGHT OF ALL THE FACTS BUT ADDED THAT PUBLICATION SUBSTANCE THIS EMBASSY'S MESSAGE COULD BE USED LOCALLY BY SUDANESE SEEKING TO EMBARRASS FAVORABLE EVOLUTION GOS/USG RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED PERSONALLY THAT, HOWEVER REGRETTABLE, LEAKS REGULARLY OCCURRED IN AMERICAN MEDIA. THESE SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS LIMITING OUR DESIRE MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER FRIENDLY STATES. BREWER

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